

REMARKS

Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for the attention accorded to the instant application, and respectfully requests reconsideration of the application as amended.

Formal Matters

Claims 1-15 are currently pending in the application. Claim 13 is amended to correct informalities.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for acknowledging review and consideration of the references cited in the Information Disclosure Statements filed on September 6, 2006 and June 17, 2008.

Claim Objections

The Examiner objects to claim 13 because of informalities. This claim is amended to change “the pilot” in line 7 to “a pilot” and to change “a pilot” in line 9 to “said pilot”, in accordance with the Examiner’s suggestion. Withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-12 are allowed. Claims 13-15 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the objections set for in the Office Action. As discussed above, claim 13 is amended to overcome the Examiner’s objections, so that this claim is allowable. Claims 14-15 depend from claim 13, each dependent claim incorporating all of the features and limitations of its base claim. Therefore, these dependent claims are allowable for at least the reasons that their base claim is allowable.

Conclusion

In light of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits that all pending claims recite patentable subject matter, and kindly solicits an early and favorable indication of allowability. If the Examiner has any reservation in allowing the claims, and believes a telephone interview would advance prosecution, he is kindly requested to telephone the undersigned at his earliest convenience.

Respectfully Submitted,



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